2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Proposed elements for a final document of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons on strengthening the International Atomic Energy Agency safeguards

Working paper submitted by Japan, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and Uruguay

The Review Conference:

1. Notes that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is the sole competent authority responsible for verifying and assuring the non-diversion of declared nuclear materials and activities and the absence of undeclared nuclear materials and activities through the application of safeguards, including the Additional Protocol, and stresses the importance for all States to ensure that IAEA continue to have all the necessary resources and authority to this end;

2. Reaffirms that the implementation of the measures specified in the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and the Model Additional Protocol to the Agreement(s) between State(s) and IAEA for the Application of Safeguards (INFCIRC/540(Corrected)) will provide, in an effective and efficient manner, credible assurances about the absence of undeclared nuclear material and activities in a State as a whole and that those measures are now being introduced as an integral part of the IAEA safeguards system;

3. Affirms that the safeguards standard of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons as required by article III, paragraph 1, of the Treaty should be a Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement together with an Additional Protocol based on the Model Additional Protocol;

4. Notes with satisfaction that, since 2000, __ States have signed the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreements with IAEA, and __ States have brought the agreements into force;

5. Welcomes the fact that __ States have signed the Additional Protocol to their Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement with IAEA since 2000 and __ States have brought the protocols into force;

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6. Urges all States that have not yet concluded a Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and an Additional Protocol to do so as soon as possible, while implementing their provisions pending ratification;

7. Strongly encourages further works for achieving the universalization of the Model Additional Protocol;

8. Welcomes the application of integrated safeguards to __ States as of [day month year] that have achieved a good track record on safeguards implementation based on both Comprehensive Safeguards Agreements and Additional Protocols, and notes that the application of integrated safeguards provides, to great benefit of the State where it is applied, the clearest confirmation of the peaceful nature of its nuclear activities;

9. Emphasizes the importance for IAEA and States to assist other States in concluding, bringing into force and implementing a Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement and an Additional Protocol in such a way as to provide technical assistance, including by holding seminars;

10. Further emphasizes the importance of such assistance for the establishment and maintenance of the State systems of accounting for and control of nuclear material, as a key to the enhancement of effectiveness and efficiency in the IAEA safeguards;

11. Recognizes the need for IAEA to further develop state-of-the-art safeguards technology and a system that efficiently and effectively collects, analyses, shares and archives all the relevant information, thus enhancing effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of the IAEA safeguards system as a whole;

12. Welcomes the important work being undertaken by IAEA in the conceptualization and the development of State-level approaches to safeguards implementation and evaluation, and the implementation of State-level integrated safeguards approaches.